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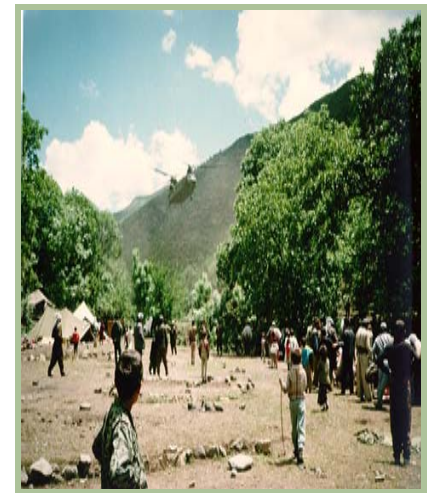
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The Military Medical Humanitarian Assistance Course (MMHAC) is a two-day interactive course designed to train U.S. military health care providers to deliver optimal medical care to civilian populations, primarily women and children, in the aftermath of humanitarian emergencies. Prior to this course, a void existed in preparing medical officers with the necessary skills, knowledge, and confidence to actively participate in such missions.

Given the U.S. military's increasing involvement in Military Operations Other Than War (MOOTW), the focus of this course is centered on familiarizing clinicians with the unique aspects of humanitarian missions, so that they are best prepared to actively participate and lead future missions. Though the health issues are often predictable, the paradigm presents issues that rapidly progress to the severest degree. Resources are typically more limited than in other operations, complicating any attempt of immediate intervention.

The course emphasizes practical skills and techniques, not often addressed in the curriculum of American medical education that will be useful to the provider who is challenged to provide the best possible medical care in an austere environment.



During the training, the didactic lectures are combined with scenario exercises and case management discussions to reinforce the key concepts. The course culminates with several hours spent in skill stations, in which participants will be challenged to manage clinical cases with the logistical and philosophical challenges of real world settings.

The faculty is committed to the quality and credibility of this educational experience. Thus, all clinical instructors have not only mastered the clinical material, but have had personal experience practicing medicine in an austere health environment. All of the clinical cases are derived from real experiences in operational medicine.

Continuing Medical Education Credit

The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

USUHS designates this educational activity for 14 hours in category 1 towards the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those hours that he or she actually spent in the activity.

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